

WASHINGTON NEWS

George W. Perkins appeared before the campaign fund investigating committee and denied that a huge fund had been collected to finance the Roosevelt campaign. The Associated Press report says: Throughout most of his examination Perkins

was in a wrangle with some member of the committee. Time and again he waved a clenched fist in the air and declared that the committee "could not get away with it." Once the committee voted to expunge a remark from the record. As he grew

indignant under cross examination the witness would rise in his place, glaring at the committee and gesticulating violently. Mr. Perkins accounted to the committee for \$123,000, which, he said, he spent on the pre-convention campaign of Colonel Roosevelt.

"That was absolutely all of my contributions," he declared, emphatically. Mr. Perkins could not recollect clearly the amounts he subscribed or collected for the republican campaign fund of 1904. He said the various large amounts credited to "G. W. P." on the list of contributors to that fund, furnished the committee by Elmer Dover, were undoubtedly secured by Treasurer C. N. Bliss from men whose names he had suggested or whom he had asked personally to contribute.

The witness also said he almost dropped dead when Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, returned to him \$10,000 which he sent him in 1904. This was the only instance he knew of, he said, of a man running for office returning money after he had got his hands on it.

Democrats generally will be interested in the following report from the Associated Press: Thomas Fortune Ryan loomed up as the biggest individual campaign contributor that has come to the committee's attention when he told of contributing \$450,000 to the fund of Alton B. Parker in 1904. Of this sum Mr. Ryan said he gave \$350,000 after he was convinced that Mr. Parker was defeated, in order to save the democratic organization.

Half a dozen Philadelphia newspaper men were sworn to testify that William Flinn, the Pittsburgh leader, was in Philadelphia at the time Penrose charges that Flinn offered him \$1,000,000 for his support to the senatorship to succeed Senator Quay. Mr. Flinn, on the stand, declared he was not in Philadelphia at the time.

The committee will meet tomorrow, but it is probable no witnesses will be heard. Several will be summoned for Wednesday, according to present plans, and the committee, after Wednesday's session, probably will adjourn until after election.

Thomas Fortune Ryan was the first witness today. He told the committee that he shouldered \$350,000 of the debts of the democratic national campaign in 1904.

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